

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A purchasing company registers selling companies
with which she does not want to trade in a setting
management unit, and a selling company registers
10 purchasing companies with which she does not want to
trade in the setting management unit. The
registration information is stored in a selling
company/purchasing company table. An electronic
15 catalog is made public only to purchasing companies
with which the selling company permits trade. A
transaction unit makes an estimate request received
from a purchasing company public only to selling
companies with which the purchasing company permits
trade.